

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for examining the application, and for indicating that claims 3, 5, 9, 12-14, 17, 19, 23, and 26-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 16, and amended claims 1, 3, 15, 17, and 29, as explained herein. With the amendment, claims 1, 3-15, and 17-35 are now pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 10-11, 15-16, 18, 20-22, and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0093509 to Li et al.

Applicants have canceled Applicants' dependent claim 2. Applicants have amended Applicants' independent claim 1 to include the limitations formerly present in Applicants' dependent claim 2. Applicants have also amended Applicants' dependent claim 3 to remove a limitation, which Applicants have added to Applicants' amended independent claim 1. As the Examiner has indicated that Applicants' former dependent claim 3 would be allowable if re-written to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the addition of any limitation from Applicants' allowable dependent claim 3 into Applicants' independent claim 1 (along with the addition of the intervening claim 2) makes Applicants' amended independent claim 1 allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amended independent claim 1 is allowable over Li et al.

Applicants have similarly canceled Applicants' dependent claim 16 and have similarly amended Applicants' independent claim 15 and Applicants' dependent claim 17. Thus, for at least the reasons given above with regards to Applicants' allowable amended independent claim 1, Applicants' amended independent claim 15 is allowable over Li et al.

Finally, Applicants amended Applicants' independent claim 29 to include limitations similar to those of Applicants' allowable amended independent claims 1 and

15. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amended independent claim 29 is allowable over Li et al.

Applicants' dependent claims 3-14, 30-35, and 17-28 depend from, respectively, Applicants' allowable amended independent claims 1 and 15. Thus, for at least the reasons given above with regards to Applicants' allowable amended independent claims 1 and 15, Applicants' dependent claims 3-14, 30-35, and 17-28 are themselves allowable over Li et al.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe this Amendment and Response to be fully responsive to the present Office Action. Thus, based on the foregoing Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of the application.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is any fee occasioned by this response that is not paid, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

Should the enclosed papers or fees be considered incomplete, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact the undersigned collect at the telephone number provided below.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned Attorney if any issues are deemed to remain prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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